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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Villoo Morawala PATELL et al.	
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/868,025	Docket No.: 145865.00005
Filed: October 11, 2000	
For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE CONFERRING SALT TOLERANCE IN RICE PLANT	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to a Communication from the Office, and a Notice to Comply with the Sequence Listing Requirements, both dated August 17, 2001, requesting a submission of an initial computer readable form (CRF) in compliance with the sequence listing disclosure rules of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace page 17, entitled "Sequence Listings" with the attached substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing.

**REMARKS**

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment to provide as a separate part of the disclosure, a replacement "Sequence Listing" to comply with the sequence listing disclosure rules of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825.